(b) whether sufficient provisions have been made under the National Pulse Development Scheme?

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the efforts made by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A provisions of Rs. 69.00 lakhs has been made during the year 94-95 for supply of Dal Processors under the Centrally sponsored National Pulse Development Project. Out of this sum, an amount of Rs. 12.00 lakhs and Rs. 8.00 lakhs has been allocated to the States of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, respectively.

Licence for Rice Mills

2104. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be please to state:

(a) whether licensing is mandatory for all categories of rice sellers/rice mills;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the categories of hullers included under the purview of licensing;

(d) whether the Union Government propose to exempt small hullers including polish machines set up in rural areas from the purview of licensing;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, he reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) All categories of rice mills, including hullers are required to obtain a permit/licence under Rice Milling Industry (Regulation & Licensing) Act, 1958 and Rules, 1959 made thereunder.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) The huller mills cause extensive damage to rice during milling/polishing and yield high percentage of brokens and poor quality of by-products, which are unfit for any economic use.

Agitation against fast food giants

2105 SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether government are aware that some N.G.Os. and social activits. like London Green peace, have launched a mighty movement against fast food giants like Mc Donald, in the U.K. and U.S.A. on the following grounds:

(i) exploiting consumers by charging very high prices;

(ii) doctoring children through deceptive advertisements and dodgy promotions;

(iii) destroying the environment with their packaging, waste and effects of beef ranching;

(iv) cruelty to animals;

(b) if so, whether it still intends to allow this and other fast food multinationals to start their operations in India;

(c) if so, what is the rational necessity thereof; and

(c) if so, what way our economy and society are to be benefited by such activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Government has approved the proposal of M/s. Mc. Donald's Corporation to establish a wholly owned

subsidiary in India to set up restaurants which will be developed through: (i) a limited number directly by the subsidiary; (ii) joint ventures between the Mc Donald's subsidiary and Indian partners; and (iii) Indian franchisees at a total investment of approximately Rs 120 crores of which foreign investment will be US $ 20 million in the initial 7 years. The proposal does not envisage establishment of any slaughter house or beef ranching. The restaurants so established have o be operated within the laws prevalent in the country and have to compete with others in price and quality. The proposal, inter-alia, is expected to generate a direct employment of 3,400 persons, bring in foreign exchange, will help boosting tourism, bring in modern technology for production of vegetables and other raw-materials, bring in better management skills for distribution and transportation, etc.

Recycling of disposable plastic bottles

2106. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pepsi is dumping disposable plastic bottles in India, as reported by 'the Free Press Journal' of July 2, 1994;

(b) whether the same the being recycled under unhealthy conditions;

(c) what action is proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Deletion of deep sea fishing from priority sector

2107. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have deleted deep sea fishing from the priority sector for development,

(b) if so, the reasons therefor.

(c) if not, what are the reasons for lack of any initiative to create adequate, economical infrastructure to make deep sea fishing industry an attractive and profitable industry;

(d) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh have offered any suggestion in regard to make available economical infrastructure in Visakhapatnam; and

(d) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh have offered any suggestion in regard to make available economical infrastructure in Visakhapatnam; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There are about 200 deep sea fishing vessels being operated in Indian Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) by Indian companies. As regards infrastructural facilities, there are six major harbours and 35 minor harbours for landing and berthing facilities of deep sea fishing vessels, mechanised and non-mechanised boats. There are 320 prawn/fish processing units, 255 freezing plants, 23 canning plants, 131 Ice making factories, 21 fish meal plants and 330 cold storages in India to cater to the needs of the fishing industry. Government provides assistance/subsidies for creating infrastructure in order to facilitate value addition to the deep sea fishing sector.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.